WHEREAS, In our grandfathers' days, American inventiveness was a topic of conversation and wonder throughout the civilized world; and,

WHEREAS, One of the first acts of the Congress of the United States was to establish the patent system under which American inventors have made outstanding contributions to the world's engineering, manufacturing and scientific projects; and,

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota wishes to express its thanks to its inventor-citizens for their contributions to the economy and welfare of this State and our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, Additionally, the State of South Dakota pays tribute to the United States patent system, recalling the words of Abraham Lincoln: "The Patent System adds the fuel of interest to the fire of genius:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of February 8, 1976, as

SOUTH DAKOTA INVENTORS WEEK

in commemoration of the contribution made by South Dakota inventors to the progress of the useful arts within the United States and to the contributions made by all inventors to progress within the State of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 30th day of December, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Five.

R. F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Lorna B. Herseth

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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